

CITT

CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST

Wednesday, May 25, 2005

Board of County Commission Chambers

111 NW 1st Street

Miami, FL

3 p.m.

Summary of Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marc A. Buoniconti, Chairman
Miles Moss, P.E.
Maureen O'Donnell
Susannah Troner
Hon. Linda Zilber

Harold Braynon, Jr.
Henry L. Givens
Hon. James Reeder
Theodore Wilde

ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Bruce Libhaber

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER

Pete Hernandez, P.E.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nan A. Markowitz, Exec. Director, OCITT
Maria E. Johnson, OCITT
Bill Anido, PBQ&D
Peter Evans, Metro Aquacats
Brad Brown, NAACP
David Tinder, PWD
George Navarrete, MDT
Charles Parkinson, MDT
Lee Swerdlin, CTAC
Nelson Toledo, OCITT
Theejunia Adams, OCITT
John Prats, OCITT
Albert Hernandez, MDT

Roosevelt Bradley, Director, MDT
Robert Villar, Mayor's Office
Jim Harper, Citizen
Jamal Sexton, NAACP
Maria Cerna, MDT
Mayra Bustamante, MDT
Dea Martinez, OCI
Erigene Belony, MDT
Lyn Harris, MDT
Patty David, OCITT
Patrice Rosemond, OCITT
William Gardner, CTAC

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

With a quorum present, Mr. Marc A. Buoniconti, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. Mr. Buoniconti stated that he would like to add a presentation by Mr. Albert Hernandez, Deputy Director, MDT, Pedestrian Crossing at the University of Miami Metrorail Station.

Ms. Zilber moved to approve the revised agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reeder and was carried without dissent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - APRIL 27, 2005

Ms. Zilber moved to approve the minutes of April 27, 2005, as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. O'Donnell and carried without dissent.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. Jamal Sexton, Chair of Economic Development for the NAACP, stated that his deepest concern was for African American contractors to receive a fair share of contracts awarded by Miami-Dade County.

Mr. Buoniconti applauded the works of both Mr. Sexton and Mr. Brad Brown of the NAACP.

Mr. Roosevelt Bradley, Director of MDT, stated that all MDT's federal contracts were required to have Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE). After introducing Mr. Erigene Belony, MDT, Mr. Bradley stated that he would inform the Trust about a procedure which will ensure that no one is left behind.

Mr. Belony, MDT, Manager for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, stated that any contract that comes to MDT will be assigned a goal. This is done by reviewing the contract to decide what opportunities are available to small firms. In order to qualify for the DBE, the business needs to be certified by submitting an application to the Department of Business & Economic Development (DBED). Upon completion of this process and the qualification decision is made, the company will then be certified. The DBE has been very aggressive in its recruitment of new firms. Mr. Belony stated that as of May 20, 2005, DBE has recruited 13 new firms.

Mr. Givens stated that Mr. Sexton and the NAACP were seeking greater interaction with MDT. Mr. Bradley stated that MDT has outreach programs, along with workshops in the community to make the businesses aware of upcoming opportunities. Mr. Givens suggested that Mr. Sexton and Mr. Brown schedule a meeting with Mr. Bradley to share information and perspectives.

Mr. Moss requested clarification on what actions could be taken if the goals were not met. Mr. Bradley stated that MDT does have the flexibility to stop work if the goals are not met.

PRESENTATIONS

Update Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) – Bill Anido

Mr. Bill Anido with Parsons & Brinkerhoff provided the members with an update on the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC).

Mr. Buoniconti asked if the project is in compliance with the ADA Regulations. He continued by saying that he would be willing to volunteer his time and assist with the inspection of the new sites to ensure that the project is within ADA compliance. Mr. Anido replied that it was the desire of the Aviation Department to ensure that the facility would be user friendly.

Mr. Anido stated that because of the County's decision to use local funding only for the MIC/MIA project, the Earlington Heights Project was accelerated and is ahead of schedule. Mr. Bradley stated that the current scheduled date for completion of the Earlington Heights Project is 2010.

Update on the Pedestrian Crossing at the University of Miami –

Mr. Albert Hernandez

Mr. Albert Hernandez, Deputy Director, MDT, informed the Trust that the committee that was formed after the tragedy has developed long and short-term solutions. The long term solution is to construct a pedestrian overpass. The short-term solutions will be implemented at the start of the fall term on August 8, 2005. These plans include enforcing and ticketing for jaywalking violations and doing spot radar checks by the City of Coral Gables Police Department. From a public awareness viewpoint, there will be a video shown to University of Miami students during freshman orientation. This video will entail safety features such as the proper way to cross the street and proper night attire. During this time, students will be made aware of enforcement procedures by the University of Miami Police and the City of Coral Gables Police Departments. Mr. Hernandez stated that the majority of the trees in the area were in need of trimming to increase the visibility of the signals. For Phase I, approximately 1,000 feet from the University Station, a fence will be installed to ensure students and other pedestrians are unable to cross at inappropriate locations.

Mr. Hernandez stated that the long-term solution of the pedestrian overpass has been programmed into the People's Transportation Plan. A Program Management consultant will be used for the conceptual study. A final design contract is in the process of implementation in order for the design and study to be completed simultaneously.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, AWARDING A CONTRACT BETWEEN FENCE MASTERS INC., AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (PWD) FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP), GUARDRAIL PROJECT NUMBER 20030011 (*Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Project Review Committee*)

Mr. Reeder moved to approve Action Item 5A; seconded by Mr. Braynon and carried without dissent.

- B. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, AWARDING A CONTRACT BETWEEN H & R PAVING, INC., AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (PWD) FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP), RESURFACING PROJECT NUMBER 20040506 (*Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Project Review Committee*)

Mr. Buoniconti requested that Action Items 6B, 6C, 6D and 6E be combined. Mr. James Reeder made the motion to approve Items 6B, 6C, 6D & 6E collectively; seconded by Ms. Zilber and carried without dissent.

C. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, AWARDING A CONTRACT BETWEEN H & R PAVING, INC., AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (PWD) FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) RESURFACING PROJECT NUMBER 20040507 (*Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Project Review Committee*)

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D. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, AWARDING A CONTRACT BETWEEN H & R PAVING, INC., AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (PWD) FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) RESURFACING PROJECT NUMBER 20040508 (*Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Project Review Committee*)

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E. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, AWARDING A CONTRACT BETWEEN H & R PAVING, INC., AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (PWD) FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) RESURFACING PROJECT NUMBER 20040509 (*Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Project Review Committee*)

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F. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACTS OF OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES (ITEM 4.1), AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE FUTURE OPTIONS TO RENEW (ITEM 6.7) AND AWARD OF COMPETITIVE BID WAIVERS (ITEMS 4.1, 4.2, AND 4.7) FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES PROCESSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT (DPM) ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT (MDT) (*Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Project Review Committee*)

Ms. Zilber made the motion to approve Item 6F; seconded by Mr. Reeder and carried without dissent.

- G. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (JPA) WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TO PROVIDE UP TO \$100 MILLION IN STATE FUNDS FOR THE EARLINGTON HEIGHTS/MIAMI INTERMODAL CENTER (MIC) CONNECTOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS AND COMMIT UP TO \$217,558,358 IN CHARTER COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM SURTAX FUNDS AS A LOCAL MATCH, AS SPECIFIED IN THE JPA *(Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Budget & Finance and Project Review Committees)*

Mr. Reeder made the motion to approve Item 6G; seconded by Ms. Zilber and carried without dissent.

- H. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, EXECUTING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (PSA) BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF QUADE AND DOUGLAS, INC., TO PROVIDE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP), CONTRACT NO. TR04-PTP1, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$44 MILLION; AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CANCELLATION AND RENEWAL PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN *(Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Budget & Finance and Project Review Committees)*

Mr. Wilde made the motion to approve Item 6H; seconded by Mr. Braynon and carried without dissent with Mr. Moss abstaining.

- I. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (JPA) WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TO PROVIDE \$1,072,000 IN STATE FUNDS FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF BUS PULL-OUT BAYS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS AND TO COMMIT UP TO \$1,072,000 IN COUNTY CHARTER TRANSIT SYSTEM SURTAX FUNDS AS A LOCAL MATCH AS SPECIFIED IN THE JPA *(Forwarded with a Favorable Recommendation by the Budget & Finance and Project Review & Committees)*

Ms. Zilber made the motion to approve Item 6I; seconded by Mr. Reeder and carried without dissent.

J. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT GROUP, INC., TO OBTAIN FINANCIAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE CITT

Mr. Wilde made the motion to approve Item 6J; seconded by Mr. Reeder and carried without dissent.

K. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING ENRIQUE A. BELLO FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO THIS TRUST AND TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mr. Reeder made the motion to approve Item 6K; seconded by Ms. Zilber and carried without dissent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CHAIRPERSON - MARC A. BUONICONTI

Mr. Buoniconti asked Ms. Markowitz to update the Members on the status of the Financial Consultant. Ms. Markowitz stated that at a Notice to Proceed with the Financial Consultant will be issued this week. She asked that the Trust refrain from directly calling the Board of County Commissioners and the Regional Transportation Committee; however, if there are any specific requests, please direct them through the Office of the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (OCITT).

Mr. Buoniconti announced that the scheduled BCC/CITT Workshop was cancelled due to Mr. David Vozzolo of the Federal Transit Authority, visit to Miami.

Mr. Buoniconti stated that after discussion with the Executive Director, there has been a decision to merge Committees. Beginning in the month of June, the Budget & Finance Committee and the Project Review Committees will become one; the Project & Financial Review Committee. The External Affairs and the Compliance & Oversight Committee will combine to become the Community Outreach Committee. Mr. Buoniconti appointed Mr. Miles Moss to Chair the new Project & Financial Review Committee, which Mr. Moss accepted.

BUDGET & FINANCE – THEODORE WILDE

Mr. Wilde reported that at the last Budget & Finance Committee a great deal of time was spent discussing the Kendall Corridor item, which will be coming before the Trust at some future time for approval. Mr. Wilde also mentioned that he attended the meeting with the Federal Transportation Administration official who talked about the amount of competition involved with other cities across the country. In addition, Mr. Wilde stated that many of them are in the planning stages of presenting their projects to the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA).

COMPLIANCE & OVERSIGHT – HENRY LEE GIVENS

Mr. Givens stated that he was still uncomfortable with the Public Information Plan (PIP). Mr. David Tinder, PWD, stated that the BCC passed a resolution on March 1, directing the Manager to create an implementation plan. Mr. Tinder stated that he has contacted

various agencies in different states to create a report which should be presented at the June meeting.

Mr. Libhaber stated that the BCC has directed the Manager to create a plan. In the interim the Manager is going present the current Committee Plan to the Regional Transportation Committee. All the feedback received from the CITT, community groups, and the BCC will serve to guide and help the Manager and his staff in formulating the plan.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS – HON. LINDA ZILBER

Ms. Zilber reported that the External Affairs Committee met on Tuesday, May 24, 2005, and discussed the following:

- 4th CITT Municipal Workshop which will be held on June 24, 2005, 9 a.m. to noon.
- Michael De Cossio made an excellent presentation on the MDT Marketing Plan and Upcoming Activities.

Ms. Zilber stated that in order to avoid duplication, it has been agreed that MDT and the CITT will be working together. Ms. Zilber announced that the next External Affairs Committee meeting is June 15, 2005, at 2 p.m.

PROJECT REVIEW – MILES MOSS

Mr. Buoniconti reported that in Mr. Moss's absence, he chaired the PRC meeting. He stated that the one project that brought up the most discussion was the Kendall Corridor study which was recommended for approval.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – NAN MARKOWITZ

Ms. Markowitz reported that the Existing Services PTP Amendment passed First Reading at the last BCC meeting with a vote of 11 to 1. The item will be heard in a Public Hearing format at the next Regional Transportation meeting on June 8, 2005, and it's scheduled for the Second Reading at the BCC meeting on July 7, 2005.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Buoniconti mentioned that several Members have brought up the travel procedures and he thought that a decision should be made as to whether CITT Members should travel using surtax proceeds. Ms. Zilber pointed out that if 10 Members spent \$13,800 per annum, that would total \$138,000 on travel expense, which could be better spent on a transit project. Mr. Moss added that a more efficient way to inform the Trust would be for OCITT Staff or MDT Staff to attend a conference and report back to the Trust. Ms. Troner voiced that she was not in favor of members traveling using PTP funds. Ms. O'Donnell also agreed with Mr. Moss idea. Mr. Givens stated that the greatest thing this Trust can have is the ability to interact with other cities that are involved in similar situations as Miami-Dade County.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Buoniconti announced that the next CITT meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 29, 2005 at 3 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

*****MINUTES ARE IN SUMMARY FORM*****

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